

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-16 prior to entering this amendment.

Claims 1-3 and 11-16 are allowed.

Claims 4-10 contain allowable material.

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

The application remains with claims 1-16 after entering this amendment.

No new subject matter has been added and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Claim 4 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 4-are allowable under 35 U.S.C. 112.

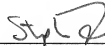
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the applicants request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16. The applicants encourage the examiner to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Customer No. 73552

Respectfully submitted,

STOLOWITZ FORD COWGER LLP



Stephen S. Ford
Reg. No. 35,139

STOLOWITZ FORD COWGER LLP
621 SW Morrison Street, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97205
(503) 224-2170